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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6896

BILL NUMBER: SB 312

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 28, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Environmental Crimes Study Committee.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Kenley

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill establishes the Environmental Crimes Interim Study Committee to develop legislation designed to improve the enforcement of environmental violations by replacing the general penalty structure for environmental violations under current law with a more specific set of penalties. It requires the study committee to operate under the rules of the Legislative Council and to be staffed by the Legislative Services Agency.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill creates the Environmental Crimes Interim Study Committee, which will operate under the policies of the Legislative Council regarding study committees. The size and composition of the Committee are not specified in the bill. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees in the amount of \$9,500 per interim for committees with fewer than 16 members and \$16,500 per interim for committees with 16 members or more.

Background: The Environmental Crimes Interim Study Committee will develop legislation concerning environmental violation penalties.

The Legislative Council provides for per diem, mileage, and travel expense reimbursement for members of interim study committees. Interim study committees are staffed by the Legislative Services Agency. The funds necessary to carry out the bill are paid from state General Fund appropriations to the Legislative Council and Legislative Services Agency.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Legislative Council; Legislative Services Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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